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OPTIONS ARE ESSENTIALLY TWO: (1) I STAY AND CONTINUE RUN LOW-KEY OPERATION, OR (2) I EVACUATE AND WE CLOSE USIS KAMPALA. I FEEL (AND CHARGE CONCURS) PLAN TO KEEP CENTER OPEN UNDER LOCALS AND EMBASSY CARETAKER NOT FEASIBLE FOR TWO REASONS OUTLINED BELOW.

A. EMBASSY OFFICER, ESPECIALLY UNDER CONTEMPLATED REDUCED STAFF AND CONSIDERABLE OTHER STRESSES, COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TAKE ON EVEN MINIMAL SUPERVISION OF USIS OPERATION. LOCAL EMPLOYEES WOULD HAVE TO RUN THINGS.

B. MY DEPARTURE WOULD SIGNAL TO LOCAL STAFF THAT USIA PLANS TO CLOSE POST, NO MATTER WHAT I SAID TO THE CONTRARY. STAFF MEETING WITH LOCAL EMPLOYEES YESTERDAY FOUND THEM ALL UNDERSTANDABLY UPSET, MOST WONDERING OUT LOUD WHEN AXE WOULD FALL ON USIS KAMPALA BY A BREAK IN RELATIONS. SOME INDICATED THAT IF I LEFT AS A RESULT OF A BREAK IN RELATIONS, THEY WOULD, SENSIBLY, HAVE TO LOOK FOR OTHER JOBS. LOCAL STAFF COMPETENT TO RUN A ROUTINE OPERATION, BUT I FEEL THEY WOULD NEED AN AMERICAN OFFICER TO CONVINCE THEM TO STAY ON. THEY HAVE BEEN UNDER MORE STRESS THAN I HAVE AND IT WOULD BE UNFAIR TO LEAVE WITH AN OPERATION WHOSE FUTURE IS SO UNCERTAIN.

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